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Application of

Applicant : Yan et al.  
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Filed : August 2, 2000  
Title : BELT TENSIONING DEVICE  
Docket : 006593-1874  
Examiner : Charles Goodman  
Art Unit : 3724

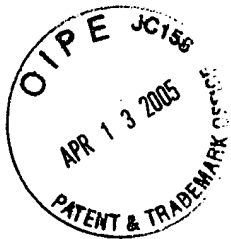
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance mailed January 12, 2005, and the following comments are provided for the public record. While Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's statements that the prior art of record fails to show certain claim limitations, Applicants note that their invention is defined by the claims of the application. Therefore, in accordance with the applicable statutes, regulations and case law, Applicants reserve the right to distinguish their invention over the prior art based upon any element or combination of elements set forth in the claims.

Applicants hereby put the public on notice that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are not considered to limit the claims and each of the claims will be interpreted and enforced as broadly as it is written. Applicants further note that the entire range of equivalents



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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Attached please find the formal drawings for this application (8 sheets).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0809

Respectfully submitted,


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that may be available for each claim limitation is hereby reserved and is not affected by any of the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance.

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